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49/95. Renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 48/165 of 21 December 1993 on renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership,

Noting with interest the reports of the Secretary-General on an agenda for development, as requested in its resolutions 47/181 of 22 December 1992 and 48/166 of 21 December 1993, 1/

Noting with interest also the role of the Secretary-General in encouraging all countries to engage in a constructive dialogue for advancing development and in facilitating their efforts in that regard,

Stressing the importance of a fruitful dialogue to ensure a favourable political and economic environment for advancing international cooperation for development,

1. Welcomes with appreciation the note by the Secretary-General on the renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership; 2/

1/ A/48/689, A/48/935 and A/49/665.

2/ A/49/542.

2. Reaffirms the need to strengthen constructive dialogue and partnership in order to promote further international economic cooperation for development;

3. Also reaffirms that such a dialogue should be conducted in response to the imperatives of mutual interests and benefits, genuine interdependence, shared responsibility and the partnership for achieving sustained economic growth and sustainable development as well as improving the international economic environment that is conducive to such development, and that the United Nations system should play a central role in facilitating such a dialogue;

4. Further reaffirms that the United Nations has a central role to play in promoting international cooperation for development and in bringing development issues to the attention of the international community, and requests the Secretary-General, drawing upon statements made by Member States on various economic and social issues within the context of the debates on those issues held in the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council, to propose for consideration various issues or themes that represent mutual interests, which would involve benefit to all countries and which are also relevant to the elaboration of an agenda for development;

5. Invites the working group on the agenda for development to give consideration to the proposal of the Secretary-General that advantage be taken of the presence of high-level representatives during the early part of the sessions of the General Assembly to conduct a dialogue and to convene special sessions of the Assembly on major themes relevant to the current and emerging economic and social issues in the global agenda, including those identified under the agenda for development;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to submit a report on the implementation of the present resolution to the General Assembly at its fiftieth session;

7. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its fiftieth session an item entitled "Renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership".

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49/96. United Nations conference on South-South cooperation

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming the validity of the objectives and commitments with regard to international economic cooperation and development adopted by the General Assembly and other United Nations bodies, especially the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries, 1/ the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, 2/ the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade, 3/ the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s, 4/ the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s, 5/ the Cartagena Commitment,

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1/ Report of the United Nations Conference on Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries, Buenos Aires, 30 August-12 September 1978 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.78.II.A.11 and corrigendum), chap. I.

2/ Resolution S-18/3, annex.

3/ Resolution 45/199, annex.

4/ Resolution 46/151, annex, sect. II.

5/ Report of the Second United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, Paris, 3-14 September 1990 (A/CONF.147/18), part one.

6/ the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development 7/ and Agenda 21, 8/ and the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development 9/ which provide an overall framework for furthering international economic cooperation for development,

Taking note of the Ministerial Declaration of the Group of 77, 10/ adopted on the occasion of the eighteenth annual Meeting of Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Group of 77, held in New York on 30 September 1994, in which the Ministers called upon the United Nations to consider convening an international conference on South-South cooperation in 1996,

Reaffirming its resolution 33/134 of 19 December 1978, in which it endorsed the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries, 1/ as well as its resolution 48/172 of 21 December 1993 on economic and technical cooperation among developing countries,

Recalling its resolutions 47/181 of 22 December 1992 and 48/166 of 21 December 1993 on an agenda for development, as well as its resolution 48/165 of 21 December 1993 on the renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership,

Recalling also its resolution 46/205 of 20 December 1991 on the convening of an international conference on the financing of development, as well as its resolution 47/152 of 18 December 1992 on international cooperation for economic growth and development,

Recalling further its resolution 46/155 of 19 December 1991 on the report entitled The Challenge to the South: The Report of the South Commission 11/ and resolution 48/164 of 21 December 1993 on the follow-up to that report,

Taking note of the Tokyo Declaration adopted at the International Conference on African Development held at Tokyo in 1993, which emphasizes the

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6/ See Proceedings of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Eighth Session, Report and Annexes (TD/364/Rev.1) (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.93.II.D.5), part one, sect. A.

7/ Report of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, Rio de Janeiro, 3-14 June 1992 (A/CONF.151/26/Rev.1 (Vol. I and Vol. I/Corr.1, Vol. II, Vol. III and Vol. III/Corr.1)) (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.93.I.8 and corrigenda), vol. I: Resolutions adopted by the Conference, resolution 1, annex I.

8/ Ibid., annex II.

9/ A/CONF.171/13 and Add.1, chap. I, resolution 1, annex.

10/ A/49/462 and Corr.1, annex.

11/ New York, Oxford University Press, 1990. For an overview and summary of the report of the South Commission, see A/45/810 and Corr.1, annex.

importance of strengthening cooperative links among developing countries for sharing their experience and know-how, and welcoming the convening of an Asia-Africa Forum in Indonesia from 12 to 16 December 1994,

Reaffirming the importance of strengthening international cooperation, especially that between developed and developing countries, as well as other international directions of such cooperation,

Conscious of the need for enhanced collaboration between developing countries themselves in the fields of economic, technical and South-South cooperation,

Conscious that increased international support to activities in economic and technical cooperation among developing countries will contribute significantly to the strengthening of international cooperation for a global partnership between all countries, particularly between developing and developed countries,

Welcoming the increased role undertaken by the United Nations system to support activities in economic and technical cooperation among developing countries, and stressing the importance of continuing to strengthen the capacity of the United Nations to foster international cooperation in order to address fully the wide range of issues pertaining to development and the growth of developing countries,

Noting the ongoing work of the Secretary-General in the preparation of a report, pursuant to resolution 48/164, on the state of South-South cooperation,

1. Requests the Secretary-General, pursuant to the provisions of resolution 48/164, to submit to the General Assembly at its fiftieth session a comprehensive report containing an overview and analysis of South-South cooperation world wide, to be entitled "Scate of South-South cooperation" and also containing recommendations to strengthen such cooperation, keeping in view the proposal to convene a United Nations conference on South-South cooperation;

2. Requests the High-level Committee on Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries, at its ninth session from 30 May to 3 June 1995, to include in its agenda an item entitled "New directions for technical cooperation among developing countries";

3. Decides to convene, in consultation with Member States, an intergovernmental meeting of experts in New York in 1995, within existing resources or utilizing extrabudgetary resources, to recommend, taking into account the outcomes of the meetings of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development Standing Committee on Economic Cooperation among Developing Countries and the High-level Committee on Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries and with a view to expanding South-South cooperation on a global scale, practical modalities and substantive issues to be taken into account by the Secretary-General in undertaking the above-mentioned report.

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49/97. Strengthening international organizations in the area of multilateral trade

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 45/201 of 21 December 1990, 46/207 of 20 December 1991, 47/184 of 22 December 1992 and 48/54 of 10 December 1993, in which it requested the Secretary-General to prepare reports on institutional developments, taking into account all relevant proposals related to the strengthening of international organizations in the area of multilateral trade,

Welcoming the progress made by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development in the implementation of the outcome of its eighth session, in particular the positive results of the mid-term review of the work programme,

Welcoming also the successful conclusion of the Uruguay Round of multilateral trade negotiations at the Ministerial Meeting of the Trade Negotiations Committee, held at Marrakesh, Morocco, from 12 to 15 April 1994, in particular the Agreement establishing the World Trade Organization, 1/

1/ See Legal Instruments Embodying the Results of the Uruguay Round of Multilateral Trade Negotiations, done at Marrakesh on 15 April 1994 (GATT secretariat publication, Sales No. GATT/1994-7), vols. 1 and 27-31.

Taking note of the Declaration of the Trade and Development Board on the thirtieth anniversary of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, 2/

Taking note also of the report of the Secretary-General on strengthening international organizations in the area of multilateral trade, 3/

Recognizing that there should be constructive and effective cooperation between the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and the World Trade Organization, based on their complementary functions,

1. Notes the ongoing exchange of views between the Secretary-General and the Director-General of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade on the issue of establishing a relationship between the United Nations and the World Trade Organization;

2. Urges all Governments, competent regional economic integration organizations and the executive heads of the competent specialized agencies and of other organizations and programmes of the United Nations system to continue to present their views to the Secretary-General on institutional developments related to the strengthening of international organizations in the area of multilateral trade;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-first session on further institutional developments related to the strengthening of international organizations in the area of multilateral trade and, in preparing that report, to solicit the views of all Governments, competent regional economic integration organizations and the executive heads of the competent specialized agencies and other organizations and programmes of the United Nations system on institutional developments related to the strengthening of international organizations in the area of multilateral trade.

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2/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/49/15), vol. II, chap. I, sect. A, decision 416 (XLI).

3/ A/49/363.